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## THESE BILLS SHOULD BECOME LAWS

The Nye county delegation in the legislature has had two bills, Nos. 20 and 21, introduced, and are allowing them to remain dormant in the committee to which they were referred. Bill No. 20 is for a purchasing agent for this county, and was drawn for economical purposes in the years gone by many thousands of dollars have been squandered in the aggregate, by the method of every Tom, Dick and Harry buying for the county. By making one of the commissioners a purchasing agent, many dollars will be saved yearly to the taxpayers.

Measure No. 21 provides that the county commissioners regulate the number of deputies required to do the work of the respective offices, and fix the salaries of said deputies, the minimum wage to be not less than \$150 and the maximum not more than \$200 per month. If there is an extraordinary efficient deputy who does the work of two, that deputy should be paid more than 100 per cent, say \$175, and if any office has more deputies than it needs, the commissioners should be empowered to reduce or lay off such deputy or deputies. This measure is not for the purpose of allowing the commissioners to exercise a grout that might exist between this or that official, but is for economical purposes alone. These two bills are excellent ones and the Nye county delegation should see to it that they become laws, and at once.

## POLITICAL BUNCUMBE

The senate bill of Senator Fitzgerald, which passed the senate on Tuesday, making the term of county officers four years from the next general election, which occurs in 1922, is offensive to the voter and taxpayer of the state. The bill is a political buncumbe, aimed only to do some good to certain officeholders, who have a claim upon the office which they have held or expect to be elected to again, thus saving them the expense of an election every two years.

History repeats itself. In many instances in the past in this state, officials elected for two-year terms have become corrupt, and if given a four-year term, some of them would not give a snap of the fingers for their oath of duty to be performed by them. This four-year term would be the undoing of some of the officers elected. If the office salary is not allowing enough for the candidate for a two-year term, there is no law forcing him to make the race. Again, long tenure of office causes some who are honest men when elected to become corrupt and dishonest. This bill should be killed in assembly, as it is a dangerous measure.

## REPEAL THE PRIMARY LAW

This bill was originally introduced by Senator Sheehan of Humboldt county, should have passed both branches of the legislature. The primary law is a farce and a double-crossing law upon our statutes. A Democrat can register as a Republican to nominate a weak candidate on the Republican ticket for the purpose of defeating the strong candidate on the ticket, and when it comes to the general election the Democratic nominee is elected, or vice versa. This has been done by all parties at the last several primary elections. The old convention plan, the editor of the Bonanza will admit, in years gone by was owned and sold by party bosses, but today the party boss is not in evidence and the people have a finer and higher conception of political right and wrong. By the convention plan better timber can be selected and no office-seeker, unfit for the position to which he aspires, would be nominated. The expense would be one-half of that required by the primary system and but one campaign would be required. It is true the newspapers would be the heaviest losers by doing away with the primaries, but no honest publisher who has the welfare of his county and state at heart, because of the loss of a few hundred dollars, should oppose the repeal of the primary law. Better results will obtain by the convention plan. The legislator who opposes the convention plan has an axe to grind, and is afraid to have the delegates give him or her the upstroke.

## FEED AND FREIGHT

A city resident who was visiting a former extensively engaged in poultry raising, expressed surprise at the care with which the farmer weighed certain kinds of feed he was about to distribute for consumption by his flocks. "I know just exactly how much of this feed the hens can consume to advantage," said the farmer, "and the waste of an ounce of this food per hen per day represents the difference between profit and loss in my business." An ounce of chicken feed is a small quantity, and yet, if it be a special kind of feed given for a special purpose, the cost might easily be a determining factor in the results of a year's business. Take your pencil and multiply an ounce per day by 265 and then multiply that by 3000, the number of hens a poultryman might be expected to have, and you will see that the farmer may have been pretty near right.

If a waste of an ounce per hen per day represents the difference between profit and loss, it is certain that Uncle Sam could never make a success of poultry raising. Your Uncle Sam could never get his hired men to save that ounce of food. It requires the incentive of personal interest to induce the manager of any concern to exercise the care and judgment necessary to insure success. Therefore lies the key to the question of private as compared with government operation.

Since their return to private operation, the railroads of the country have made some interesting and important records. Among other things, they have increased the average movement of freight cars from 22.7 miles to 28.6 miles per day, an increase of 6.9 miles per day. Multiply that by 465, and you will get an impressive mileage. In addition, the new managers have increased the average car load from 28.3 tons to 29 tons, which is a small item in itself, unless you multiply the increase by the total number of cars in daily use, which is in the neighborhood of 2,250,000, after making allowance for those in the repair shops or otherwise out of commission.

For the same reason that your Uncle Sam could never make a business success of operating a poultry yard, he cannot make a success of operating railroads. He never would save that ounce of food per hen per day, nor would he get that additional loading of 15 tons per car on the increased travel of 6.9 miles per day, which increases, very likely, may represent the difference between profit and loss.

Of course, all that increase is not net gain. If a car is hauled a little farther per day, it takes more coal to haul it, but does not take more wages for the employee, nor more interest on the investment. If a car is loaded a little heavier, it takes more coal to haul it, but does not take any more of the time of engineers, and firemen, and brakemen, and telegraph operators, and supervisory officials. There is some net gain, and this will all show up on the right side of the ledger when the annual statements of operations are made.

We all like to smile at the idiosyncrasy of a banker who saved all the incoming envelopes and had his messenger boys put in their spare time sitting the envelopes so that the backs could be used for computation purposes by bank clerks, yet the application of that principle of economy to all his affairs makes that banker a success while the wasteful competitor, applying wasteful habits to larger things, winds up with a receivership.

## TODD DELEGATE TO LONDON MEETING

(By Associated Press)  
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—Dr. Edward H. Todd, president of the College of Puget Sound here, has been named a delegate to the ecumenical conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to be held in London in September. The meeting will consider the many changes that have taken place in the religious world since the last ecumenical conference in Toronto in 1911.

Advertiser in The Bonanza

LOW PRICES  
DRIVE INDIANS  
TO OLD TRADES

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 19.—Indians are the first of the tribes living in this vicinity to feel the effects of low prices. As a result of present prices, the Navajos are turning from the modern pursuits they have adopted in recent years to their more ancient industry—the making of the far-famed Navajo Indian blankets, according to information brought to Phoenix.

Of late years the Navajos of northern Arizona have engaged in wool growing with great success. Even the squaw was called from her blanket-weaving to more profitable duties in connection with wool growing. But the price of wool has dropped and has forced the Indians back to blanket making.

So the squaws once more take their places by the doors of the "hogans" and work out the wool designs that brought fame to their tribe. The Navajo squaw is a past master in the art of working out blanket designs. She often keeps a loom in her mind for several weeks before starting work on it. Sometimes when asked to copy some other design, the squaw studies the model for hours, then departs for some without the model. Later she will return with an exact copy.

Other tribes have not yet been forced back to their old pursuits. A tribe of Maricopa Indians, living south of Phoenix, famed as makers of pottery, have taken up cotton growing. Their income from the crops and from the government has brought so much prosperity that in the past year they made only 20 per cent as much pottery as they did five years ago.

Wheat and cotton-raising have greatly curtailed production of baskets in the Papago Indian villages in Pima county. Inhabitants of these villages produce most of the world's supply of Indian baskets, according to curio dealers, but the supply is less than one-tenth of the demand.

BUMPER CROP OF  
BABY ORANGES

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 19.—California has a bountiful crop of "baby oranges," according to a report here recently by Dana C. King, orange sales agent of the California Fruit Growers' exchange.

"The bumper crop, combined with the present reasonable prices, has changed oranges from a luxury to a place within the reach of everyone," he said.

START WORK ON  
9-STORY GARAGE

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 19.—Construction has started here on a downtown nine-story garage, which will have level entrances from the street to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth floors. The garage, built on a hillside, will be, according to its owners, one of the largest in the nation.

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WAGES IN  
BRITAIN

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Feb. 19.—Labor correspondents of various London newspapers assert the cost of living has declined in Great Britain and that a reduction of wages is inevitable. They report decreases in wages already have occurred in cases where sliding scales of pay were based on the selling prices of the goods produced.

These wage cuts, however, are mostly in trades which are poorly organized. There is a good deal of speculation among the labor writers as to the attitude of workers in highly organized trades when they are called upon to accept a lower wage, in accordance with previously arranged plans based upon the cost of living.

The ministry of labor official figures on the cost of living for working class families show that at the end of December the percentage was 169 higher than in 1914 against the November figure of 176, while for January it was expected to reach 165.

This while alleviating the lot of the worker to some extent and assisting employers, will not solve the present acute unemployment situation and many agreements have been come to during the past week whereby workers have decided to go on short time or accept less money in order to avoid a total closing down of works.

The Furness iron masters and representatives of the men's union have met and the latter decided to accept a reduction of wages from 22 shillings and 8 pence to 19 and 7 pence a day, so that work may be resumed in the iron mines.

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